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**CONTROL SERUM FOR DRY
ANALYTICAL ELEMENT**

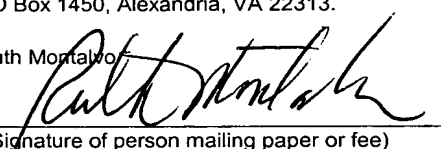
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 15, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The one (1) month time period for response is set to expire on August 15, 2004. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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